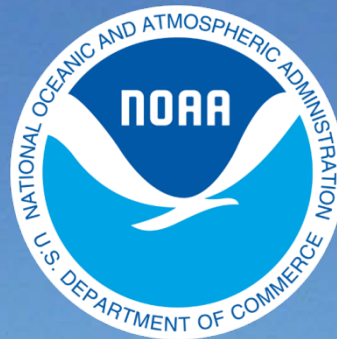


# BookletChart™

## Charleston Harbor Entrance

NOAA Chart 11523

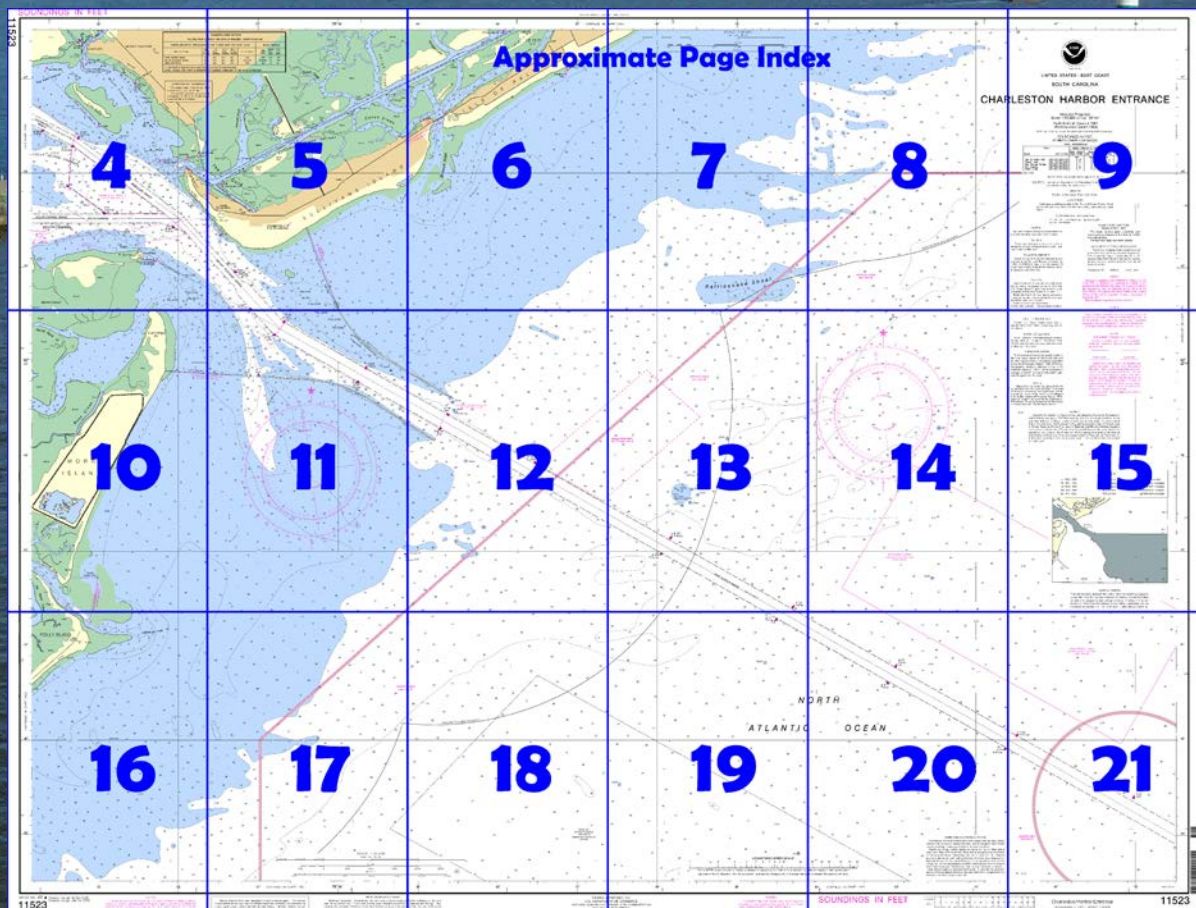


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This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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### Notice to Mariners Correction Status

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For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=11523>



#### (Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Charleston Harbor is the approach to Charleston and the Cooper, Wando and Ashley Rivers. The harbor is easy of access day or night in clear weather, and is one of the best harbors of refuge on the South Atlantic coast.

The areas to the east and southeast of Charleston Harbor are used by the U.S. Navy to conduct training exercises.

The entrance to Charleston Harbor is between converging jetties that extend 3

miles seaward. **Fort Moultrie** and the town of **Sullivan's Island** are on the north side of the entrance; **Fort Sumter** is on the southwest side.

**Charleston Light** (32°45'30"N., 79°50'36"W.) 163 feet above water, is shown from a triangular tower, upper half black, lower half white, on Sullivan's Island.

Not infrequently, portions of Charleston Harbor are affected by poor visibility during squalls of heavy rain, rare snow squalls, and fog. Fog associated with a generalized weather pattern occasionally settles over the entire port area including the fairways offshore. Fog over only a part of the harbor is a frequent occurrence..

**Caution.**—The areas generally to the east and southeast of Charleston Harbor are used extensively by the U.S. Navy and other military services to conduct various types of surface, subsurface, and aircraft training exercises. Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC), Jacksonville, FL, exercises cognizance of the operating areas, makes area assignments, ensures promulgation of firing notices, issues schedules, and prescribes necessary additional regulations.

The entrance to Charleston Harbor is between converging jetties. The north jetty is almost completely submerged at MHW. There are no lights on the jetties and smaller craft approaching from the north close to shore at MHW should exercise extreme caution not to confuse the south jetty for the north jetty. It is recommended all vessels align seaward of Lighted Buoy 18 before final approach to the jetty entrance.

**Dangers.**—The danger area of a former World War II minefield is off the entrance to Charleston Harbor. The area is open to unrestricted surface navigation but all vessels are cautioned not to anchor, dredge, trawl, lay cables, bottom, or conduct any similar type of operation because of residual danger from mines on the bottom. An **"anchor at your own risk"** anchorage, within the danger area, is on the north side of the entrance channel about 7 miles NW of Charleston Entrance Lighted Whistle Buoy C. The rectangular anchorage is enclosed by the following points:

32°42.9'N., 79°42.8'W.;

32°41.3'N., 79°39.3'W.;

32°39.9'N., 79°40.2'W.;

32°41.6'N., 79°43.7'W.

The area has been searched on many occasions and no unexploded ordnance has been discovered. Vessels have routinely anchored in this offshore anchorage for many years without mishap.

**A regulated navigation area** extends northeastward and southeastward along the northern side of the entrance channel from Charleston Entrance Channel Lighted Buoy 16. (See **165.714**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

**Currents.**—Off the entrance to Charleston Harbor the tidal currents are rotary with velocities of about 1 knot. Near the entrance to the jetties the current sets fair with the channel at strengths of flood and ebb and can be expected to set across the channel with a velocity of about 0.2 knot about 3 hours after strength of flood and ebb, setting northeastward and southwestward, respectively.

**Pilotage, Charleston.**—Pilotage is compulsory for all foreign vessels and for all U.S. vessels under register in the foreign trade.

**Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine.**—(See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and Appendix A for addresses.)

**Restricted areas** are in the northern portion of Shipyard Creek, and in the Cooper River at the U.S. Government facility.

### U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Miami

Commander  
7th CG District  
Miami, FL

(305) 415-6800



# Table of Selected Chart Notes

Corrected through NM Oct. 23/10  
Corrected through LNM Oct. 12/10

## HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

## NOTE S

Regulations for Ocean Dumping Sites are contained in 40 CFR, Parts 220-229. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements for use of the sites may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). See U.S. Coast Pilots appendix for addresses of EPA offices. Dumping subsequent to the survey dates may have reduced the depths shown.

## CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

## CAUTION

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## POLLUTION REPORTS

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## INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

The project depth from Winyah Bay to Charleston, S.C. is 12 feet. The controlling depths are published periodically in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners.

## AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

## WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

## NOTE C

Hydrography from the bridge at Breach Inlet to the Intracoastal Waterway, in Conch Creek, Inlet Creek, Swinton Creek, and Hamlin Creek, is reported from private surveys of 2007.

## HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.634" northward and 0.690" eastward to agree with this chart.

## CAUTION

### SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:



Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

## CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

○ (Accurate location) ○ (Approximate location)

## NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio station listed below provides continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Charleston, SC KHB-29 162.55 MHz

## CAUTION

Mariners are warned to stay clear of the protective riprap surrounding navigational light structures shown thus:

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

## RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The National Ocean Service acknowledges the exceptional cooperation received from members of the Golden Corner Lakes Squadron, District 26, United States Power Squadrons for continually providing essential information for revising this chart.

## NOTE B

### DANGER AREA

Area is open to unrestricted surface navigation but all vessels are cautioned neither to anchor, dredge, trawl, lay cables, bottom, nor conduct any similar type of operation because of residual danger from mines on the bottom. Anchorage in the designated area is at your own risk.

## HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS

Hurricanes, tropical storms and other major storms may cause considerable damage to marine structures, aids to navigation and moored vessels, resulting in submerged debris in unknown locations.

Charted soundings, channel depths and shoreline may not reflect actual conditions following these storms. Fixed aids to navigation may have been damaged or destroyed. Buoys may have been moved from their charted positions, damaged, sunk, extinguished or otherwise made inoperative. Mariners should not rely upon the position or operation of an aid to navigation. Wrecks and submerged obstructions may have been displaced from charted locations. Pipelines may have become uncovered or moved.

Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution and are requested to report aids to navigation discrepancies and hazards to navigation to the nearest United States Coast Guard unit.

## AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Coast Guard.

## SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.

Demarcation lines are shown thus:

## TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Isle of Palms Pier	(32°47'N/79°47'W)	feet	feet	feet
Breach Inlet	(32°47'N/79°49'W)	5.5	5.1	0.2
Ben Sawyer Bridge	(32°46'N/79°50'W)	5.6	5.2	0.2
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Dashes (- -) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>. (Sep 2010)

## CHARLESTON HARBOR ENTRANCE

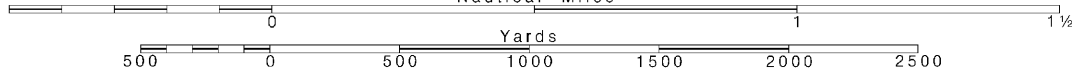
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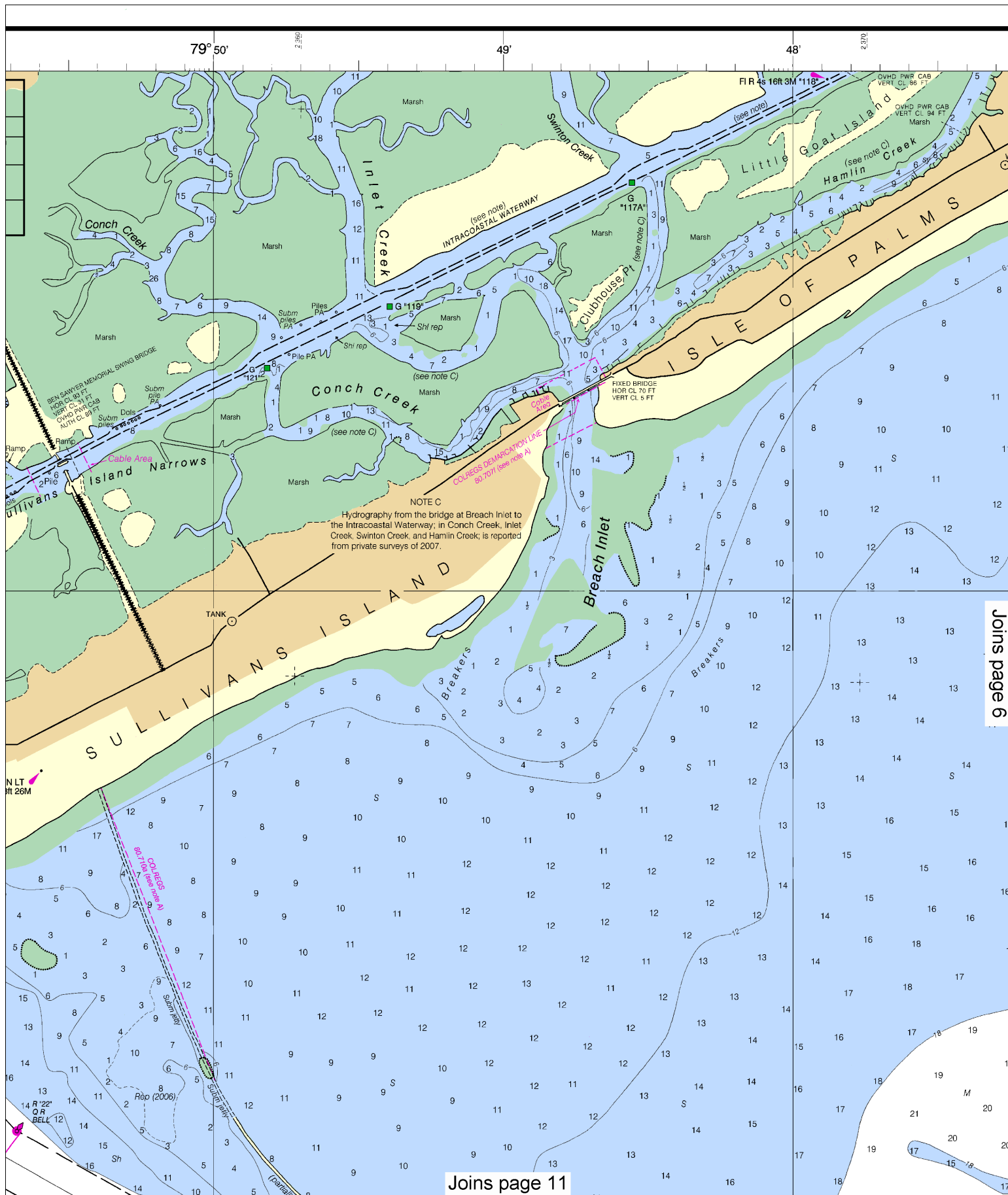
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ENTRANCE CHANNEL	45.5	48.6	47.4	46.3	9-12	A1000	17.5	B47
MOUNT PLEASANT RANGE	45.9	50.3	50.2	49.1	9-12	1000-600	1.8	45
REBELLION REACH	46.7	48.7	49.9	47.1	9-12	600	1.6	45

A. MAINTAINED 800 FEET WIDE.  
B. FOR WIDTH OF 1000 FEET, THE PROJECT DEPTH IS 42 FEET FOR OUTER 100 FEET.  
NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION



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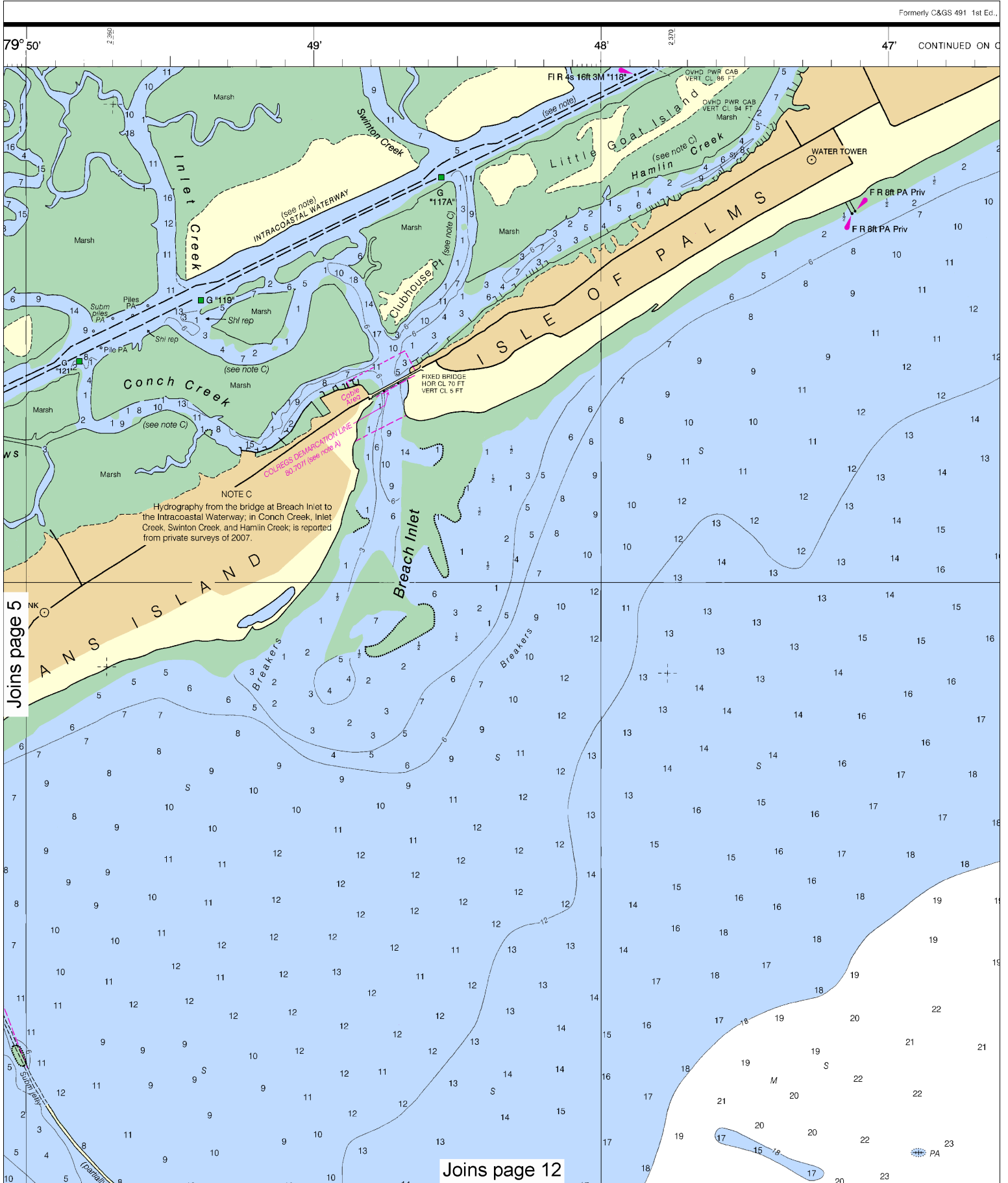




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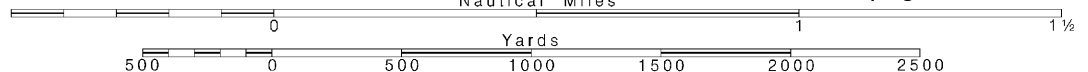


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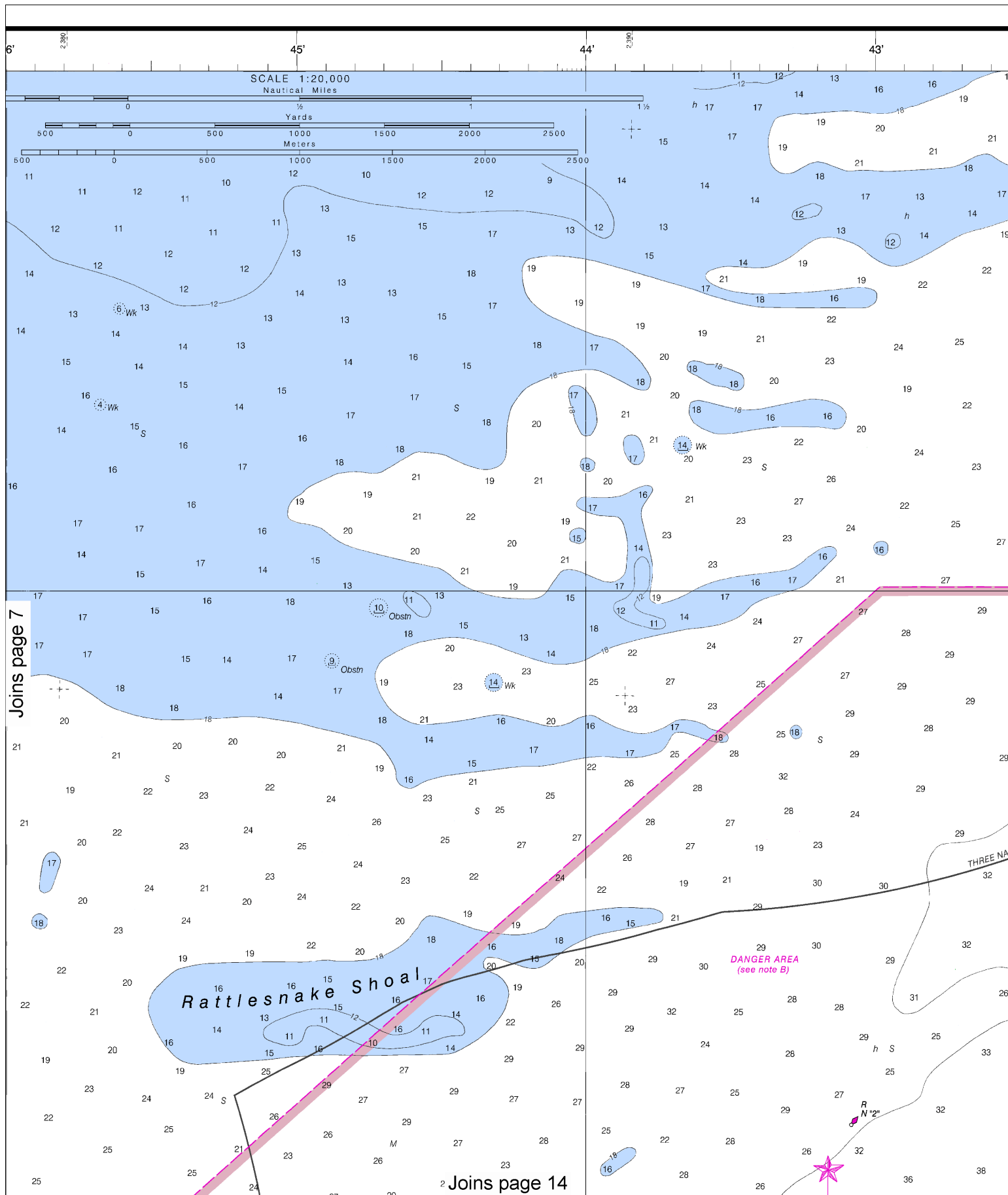
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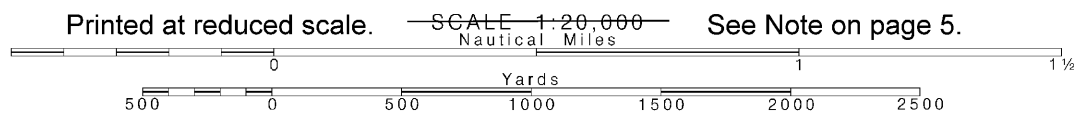
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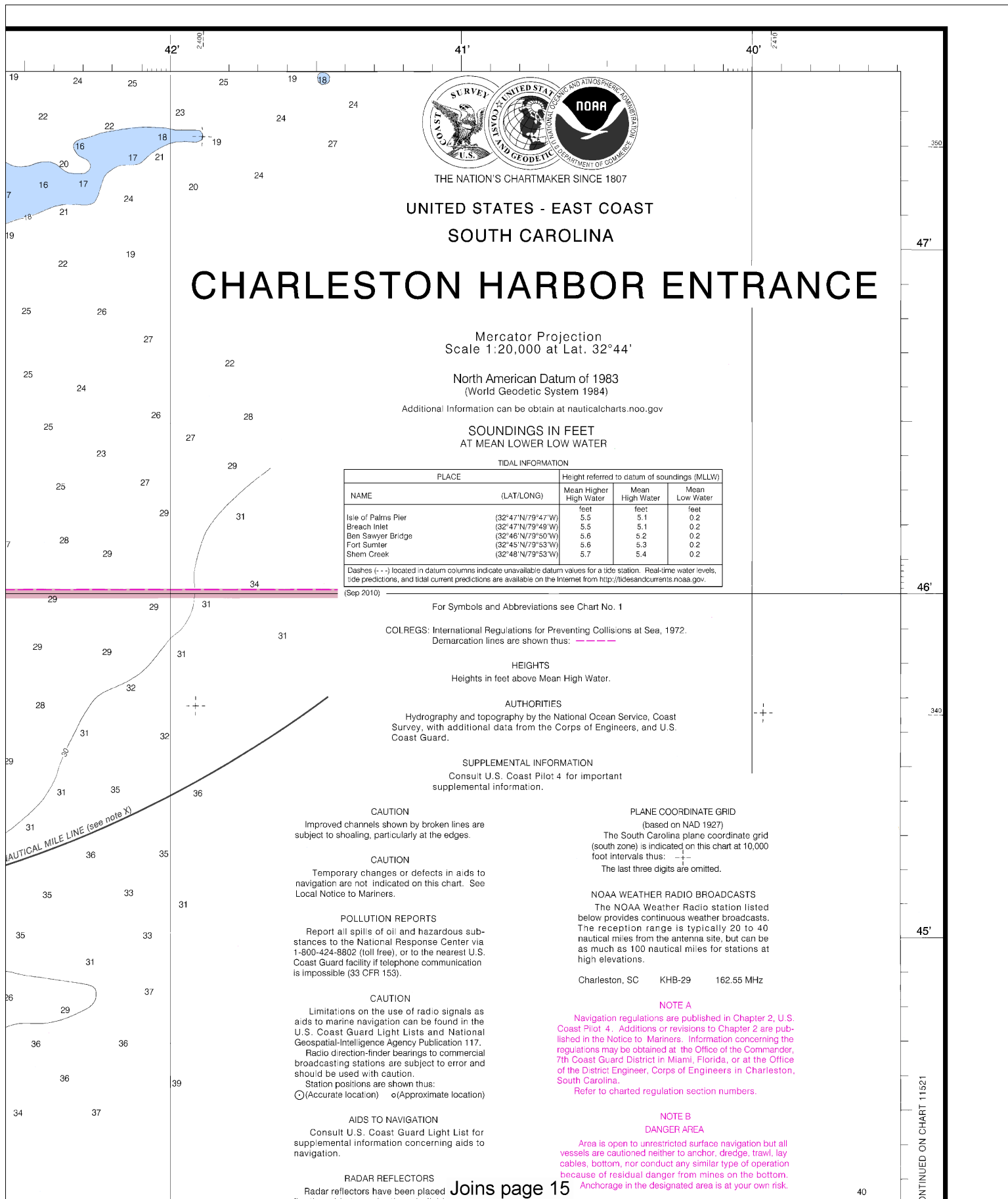


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## UNITED STATES - EAST COAST SOUTH CAROLINA

# CHARLESTON HARBOR ENTRANCE

Mercator Projection  
Scale 1:20,000 at Lat. 32°44'

North American Datum of 1983  
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SOUNDINGS IN FEET  
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 4 for important supplemental information.

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NOTE A  
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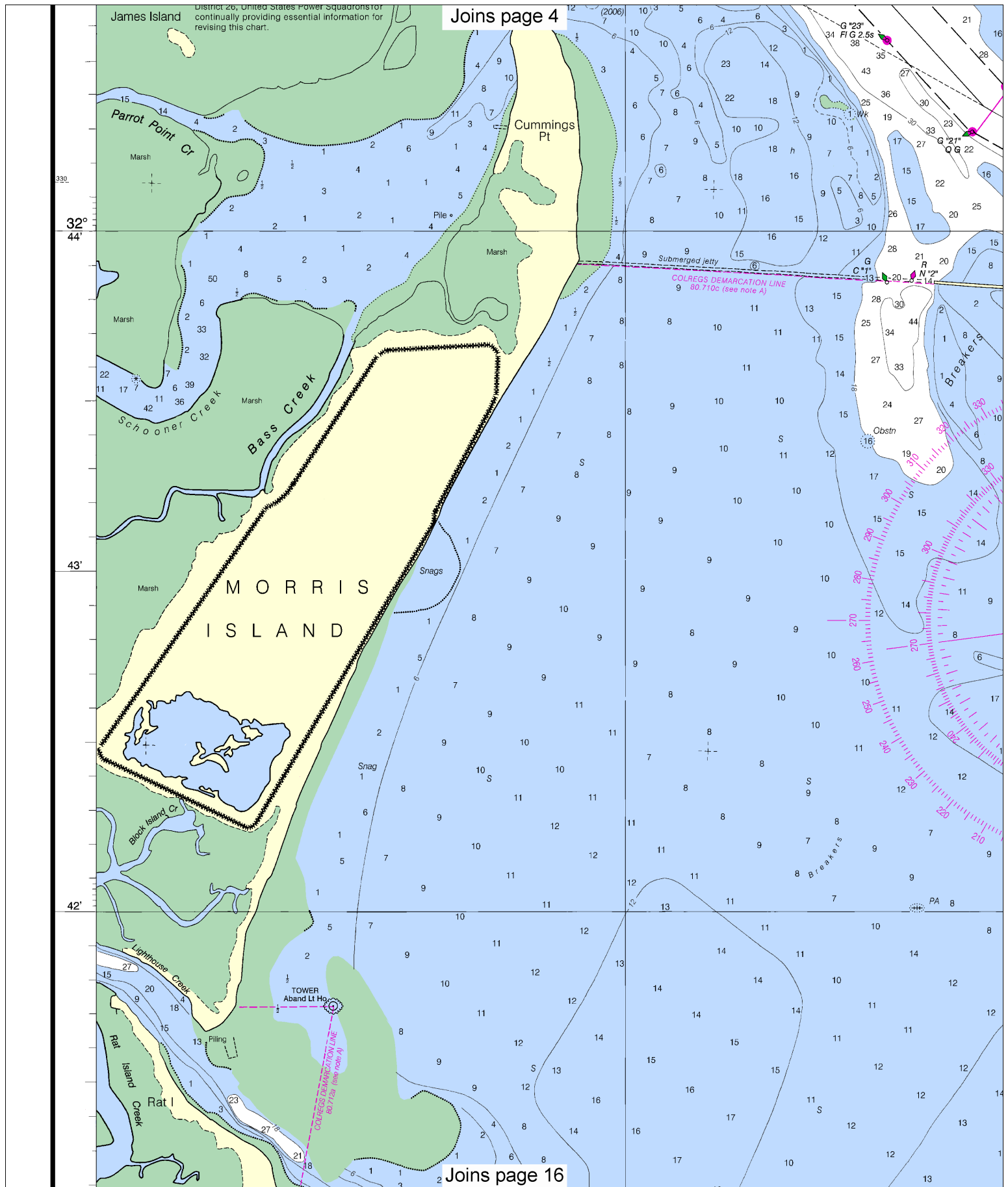
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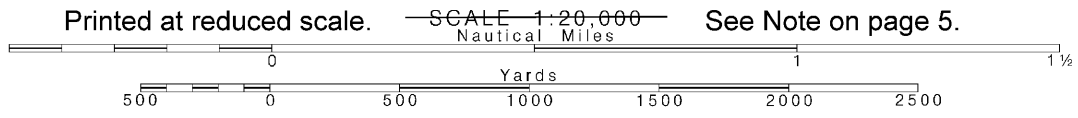
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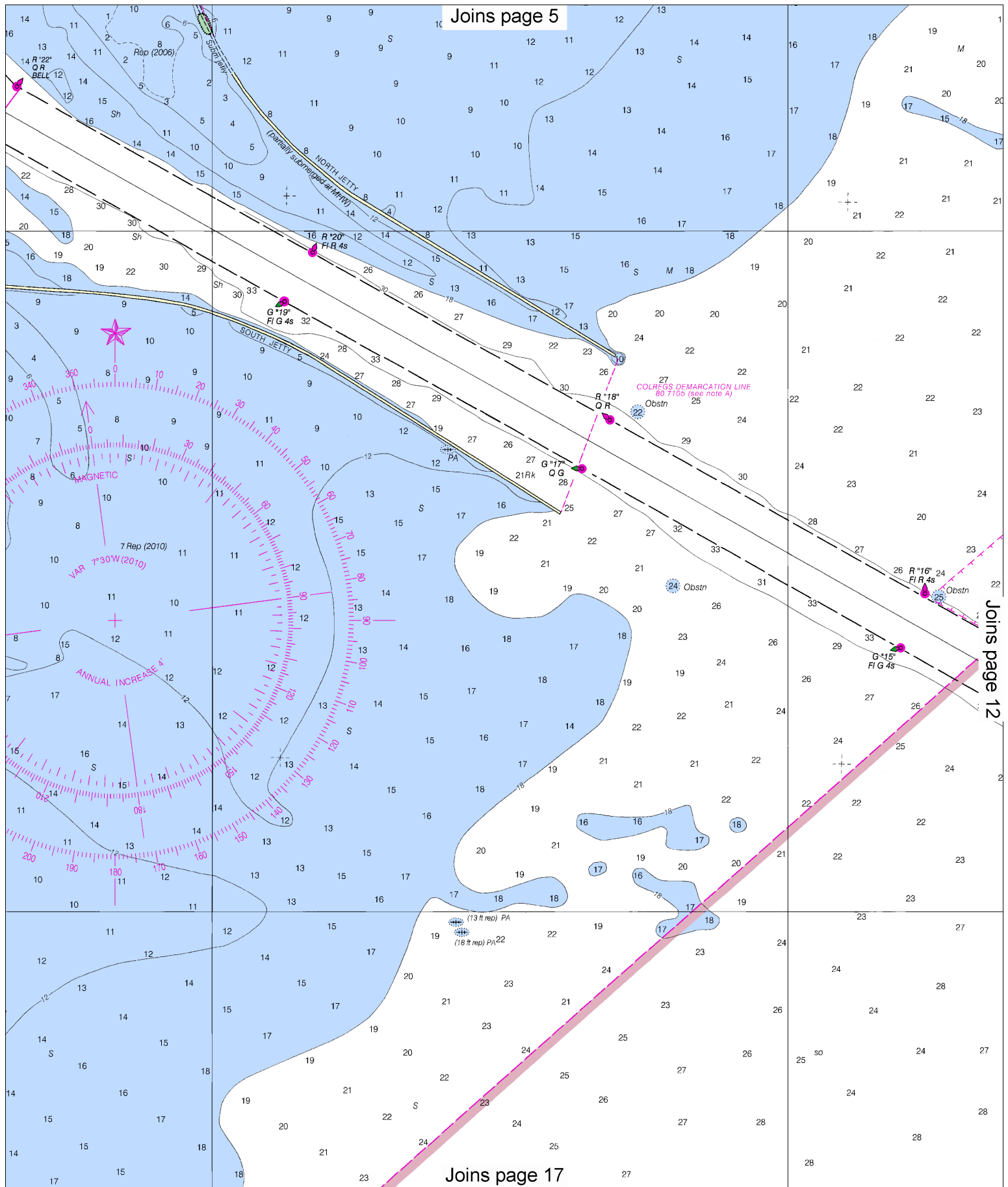


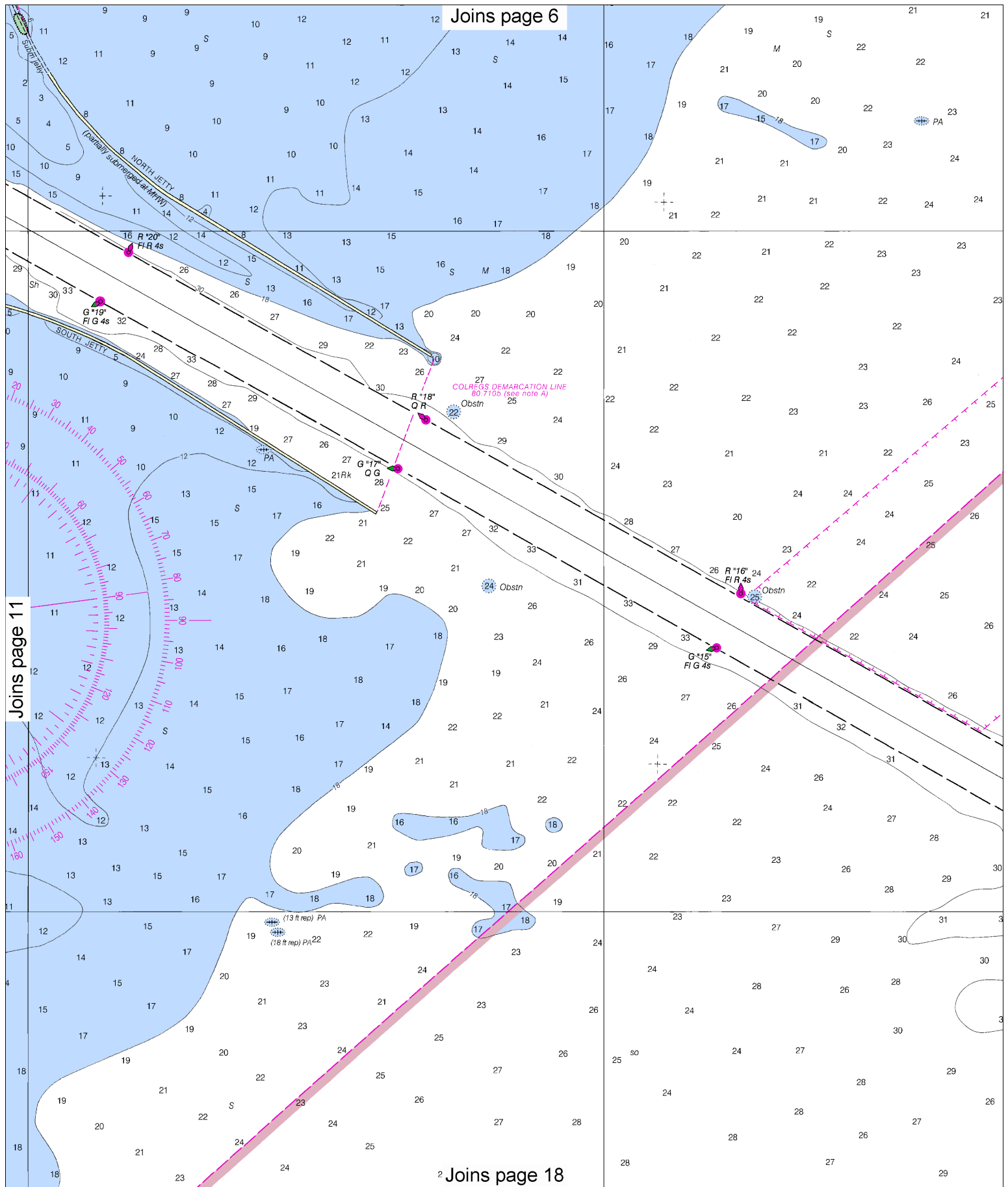
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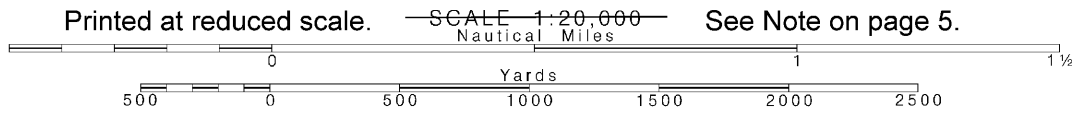






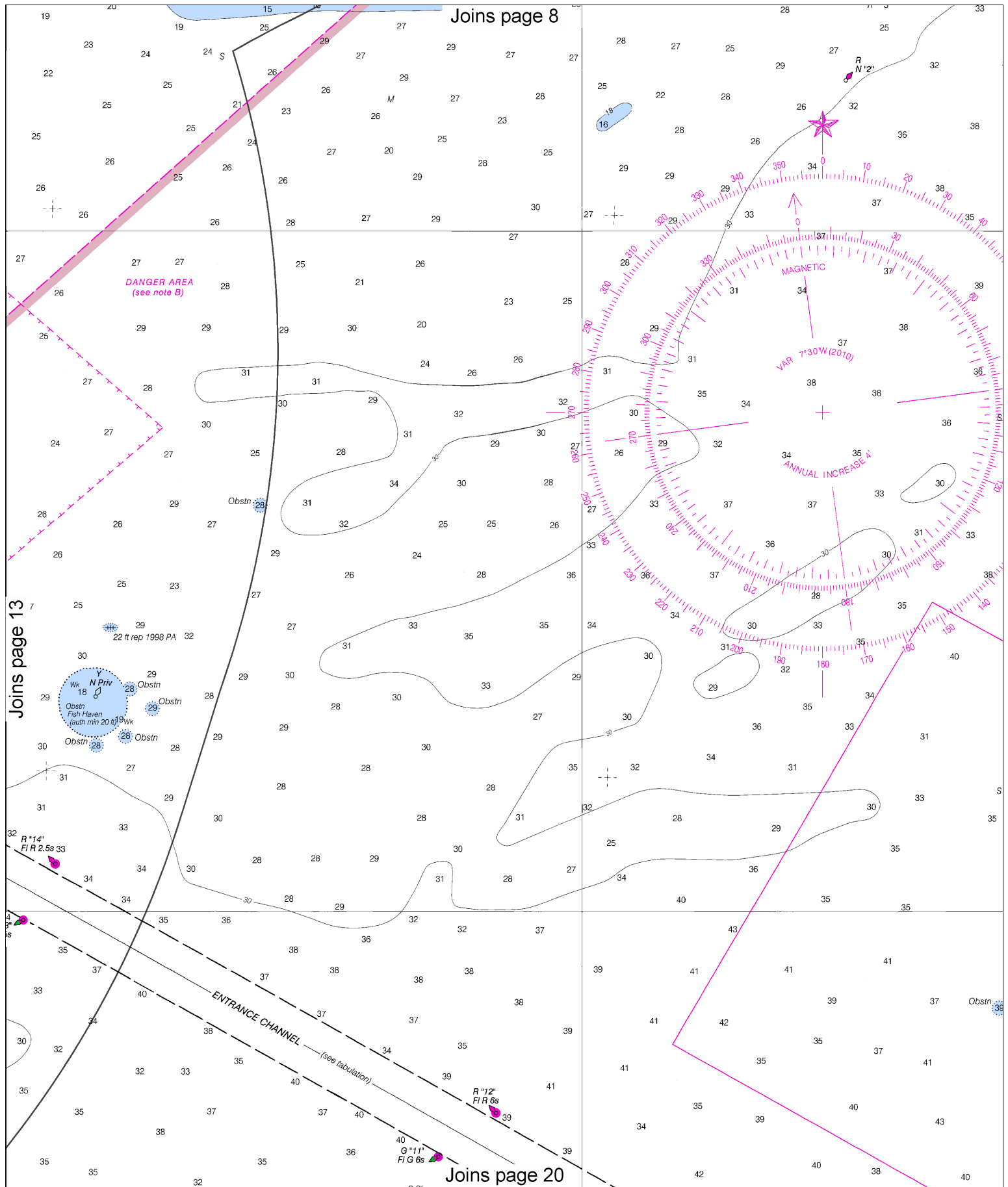
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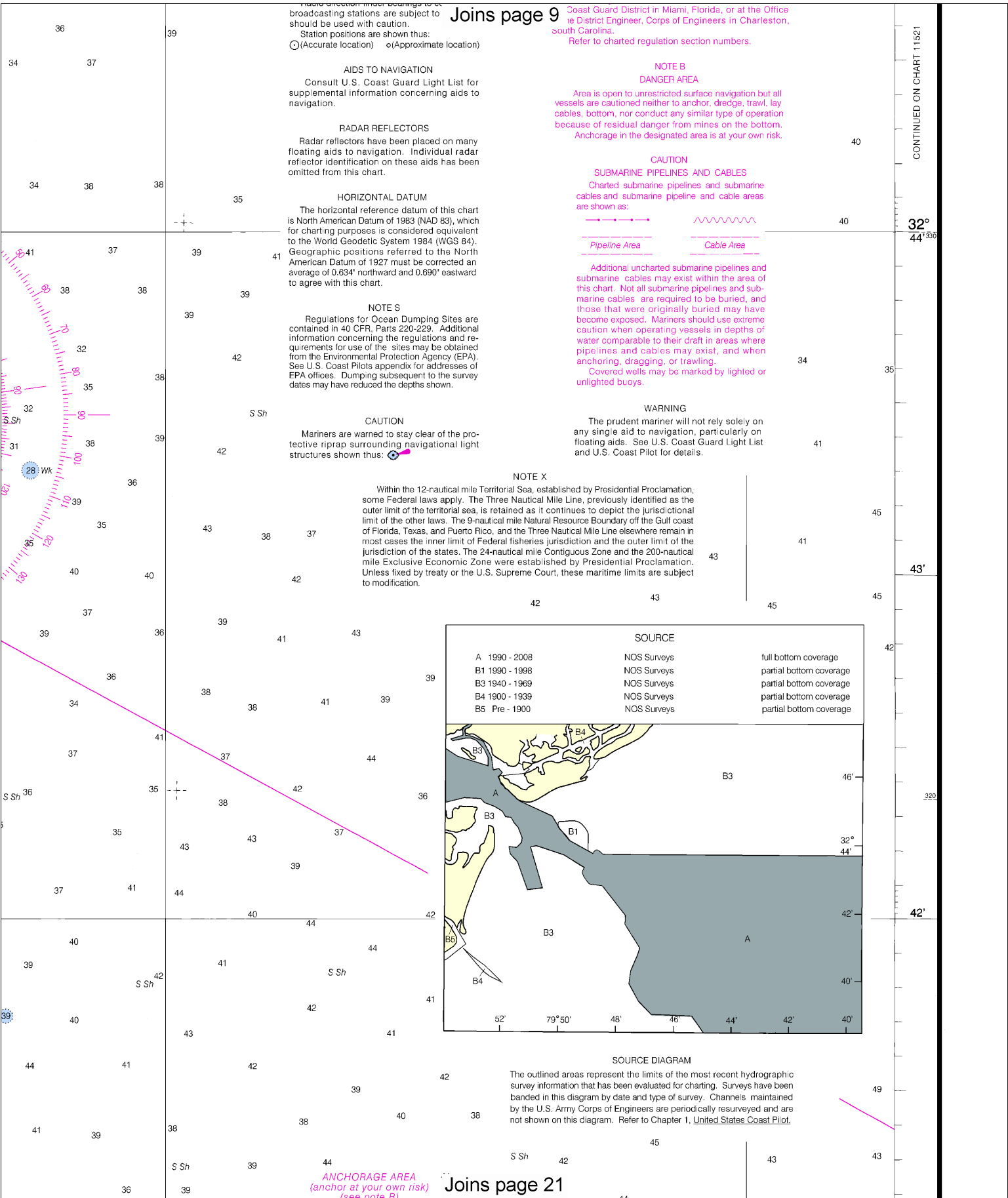


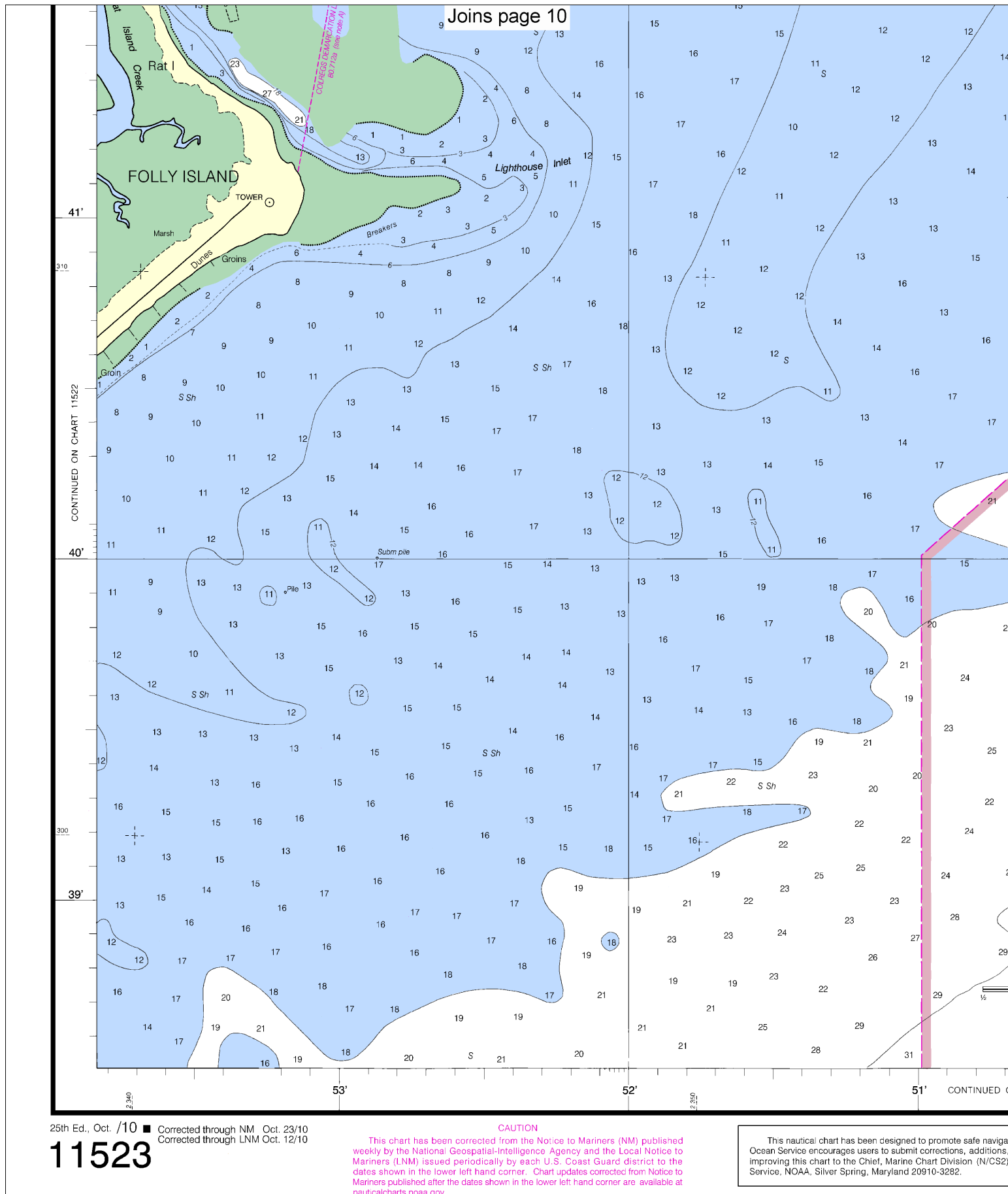






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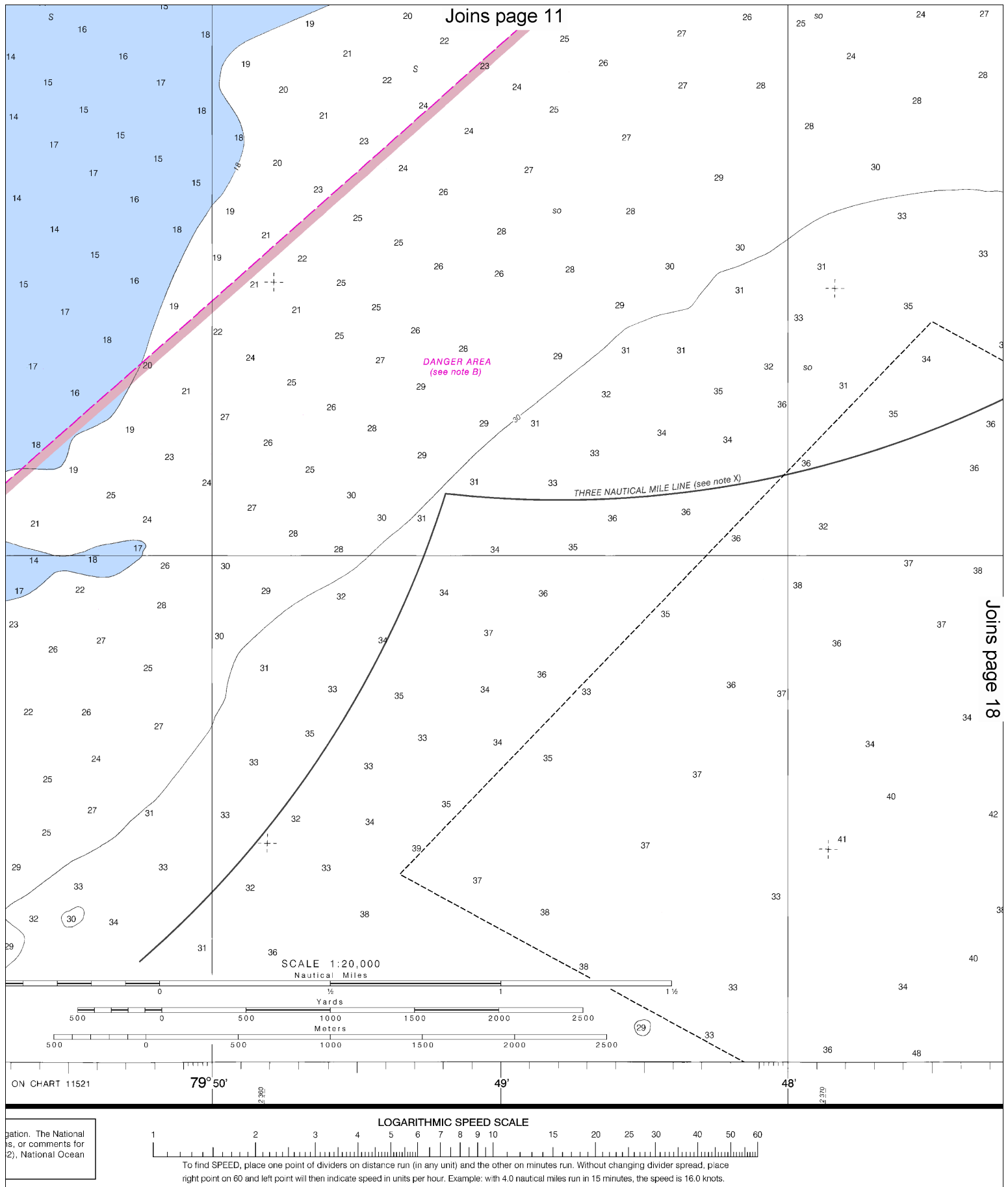


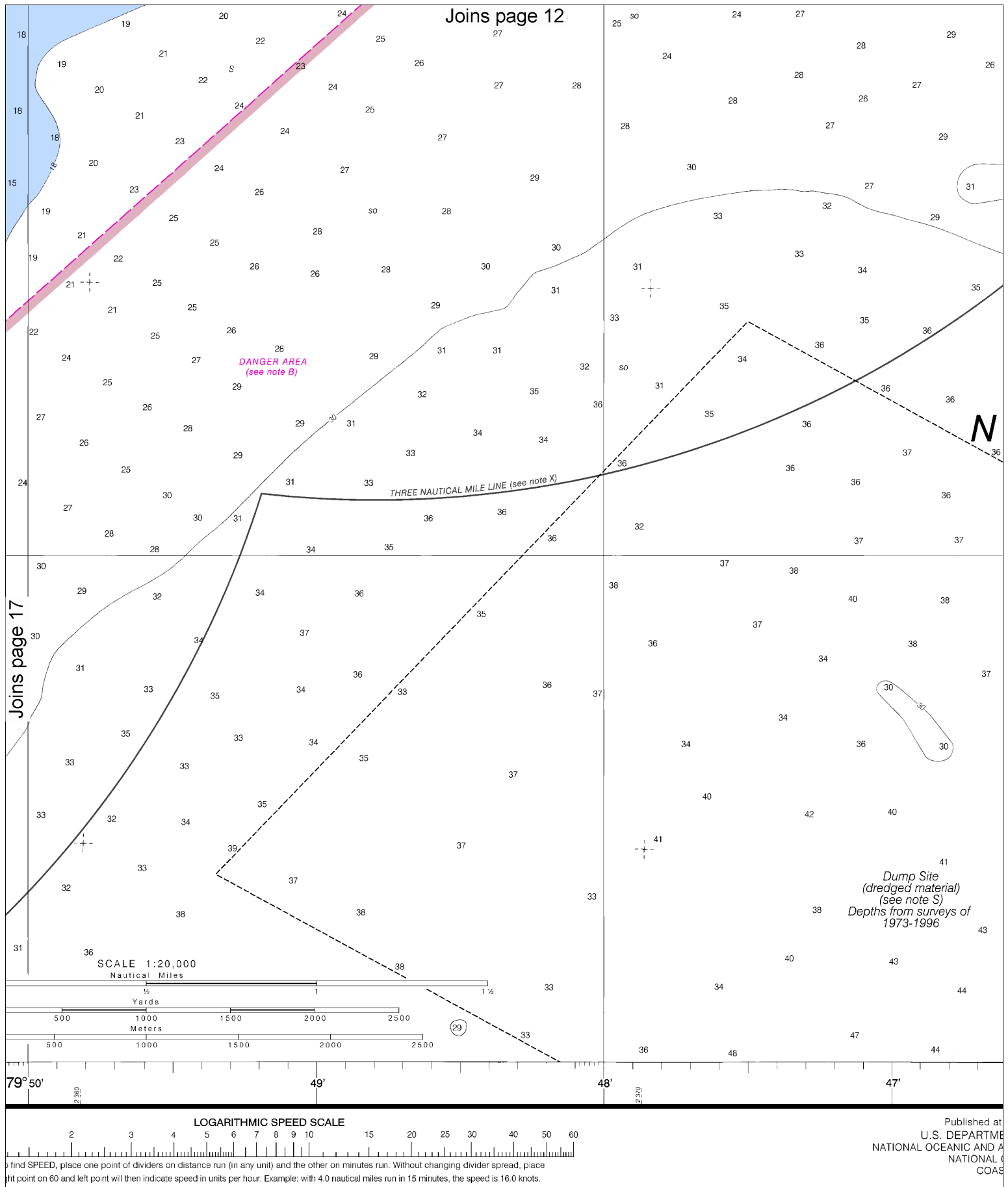


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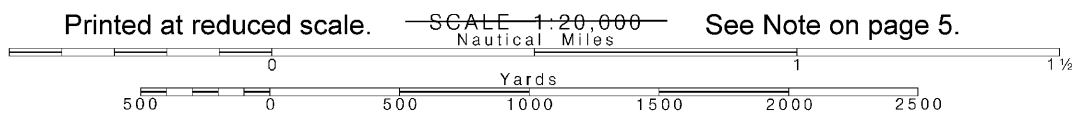




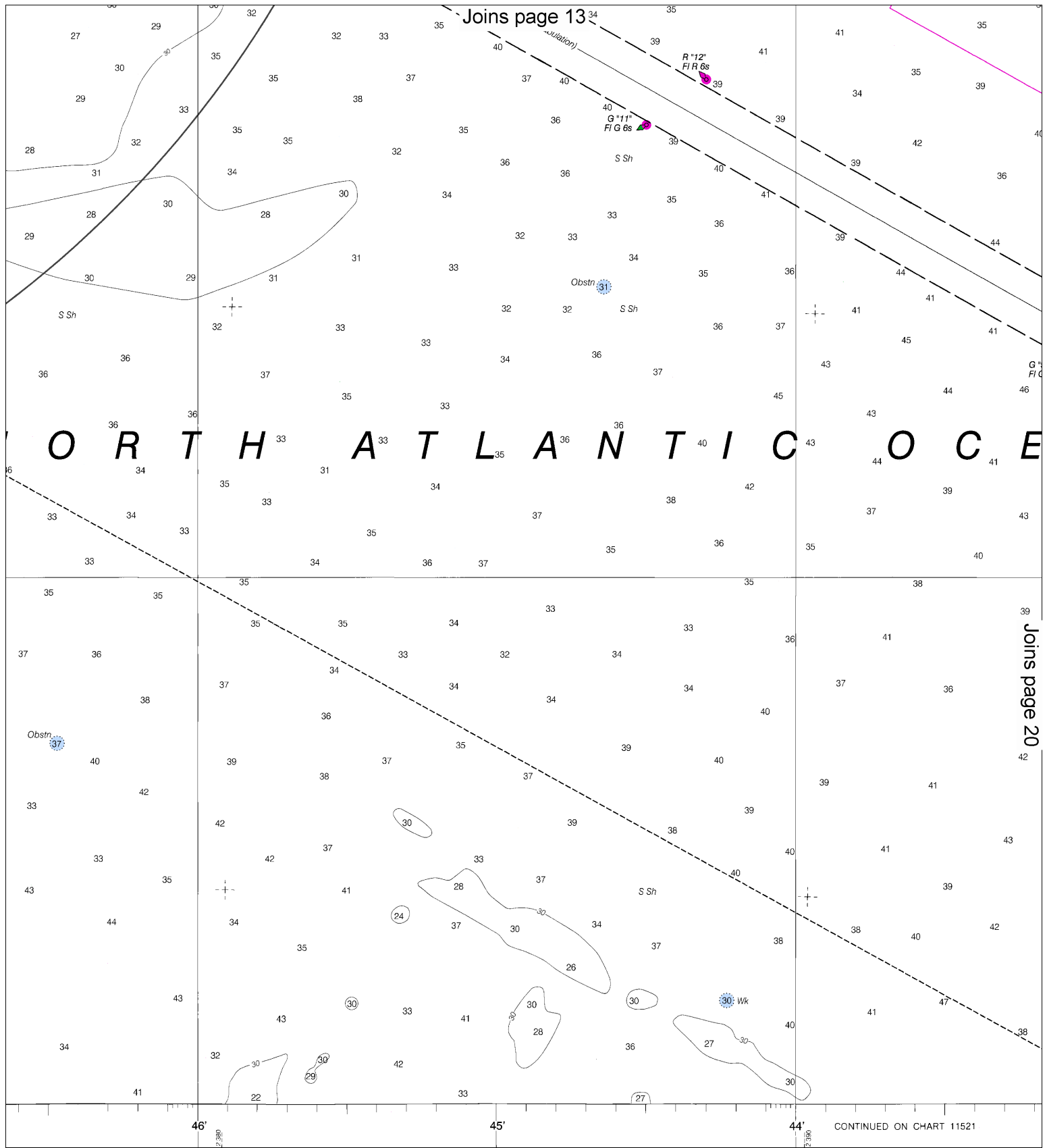


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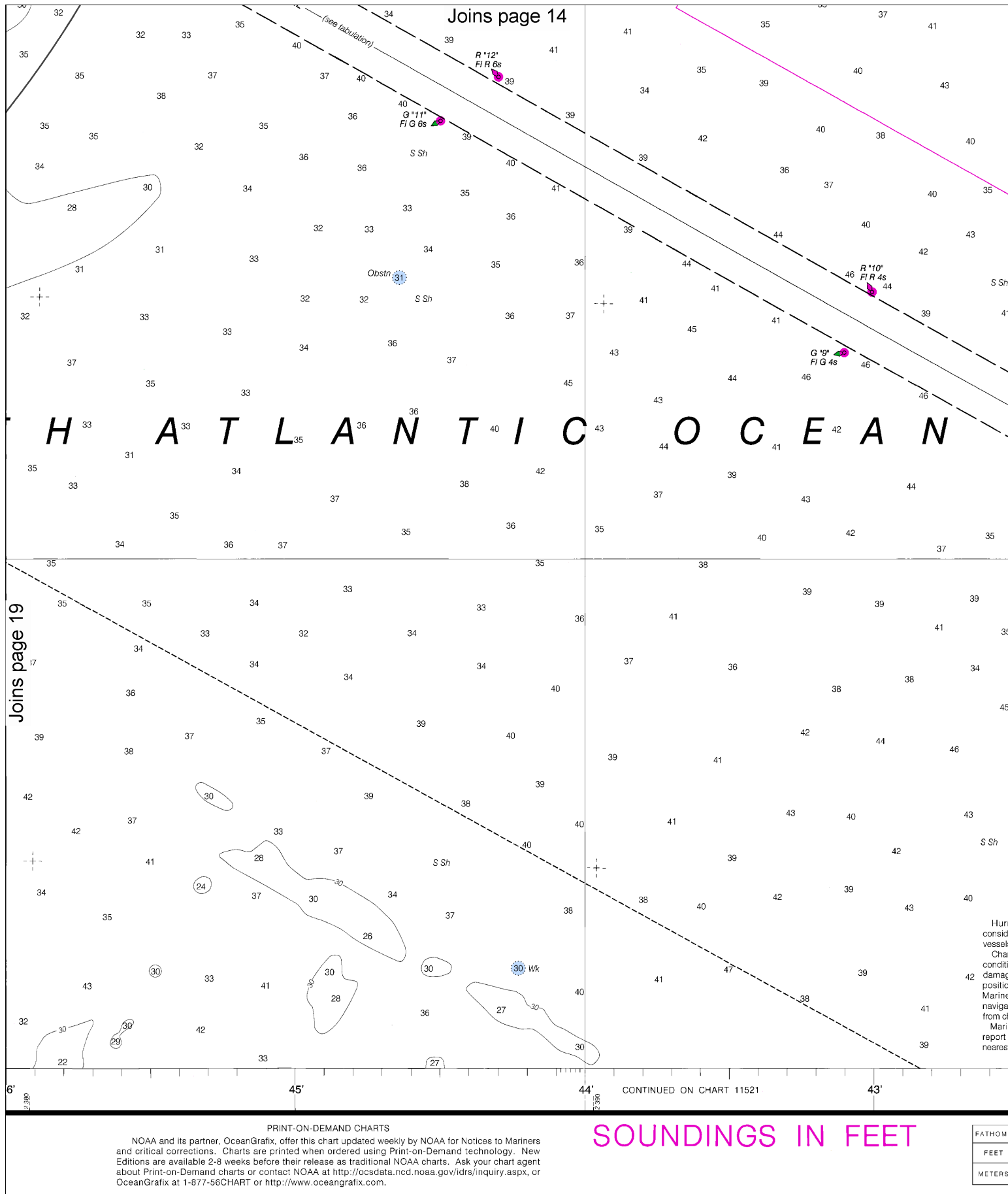
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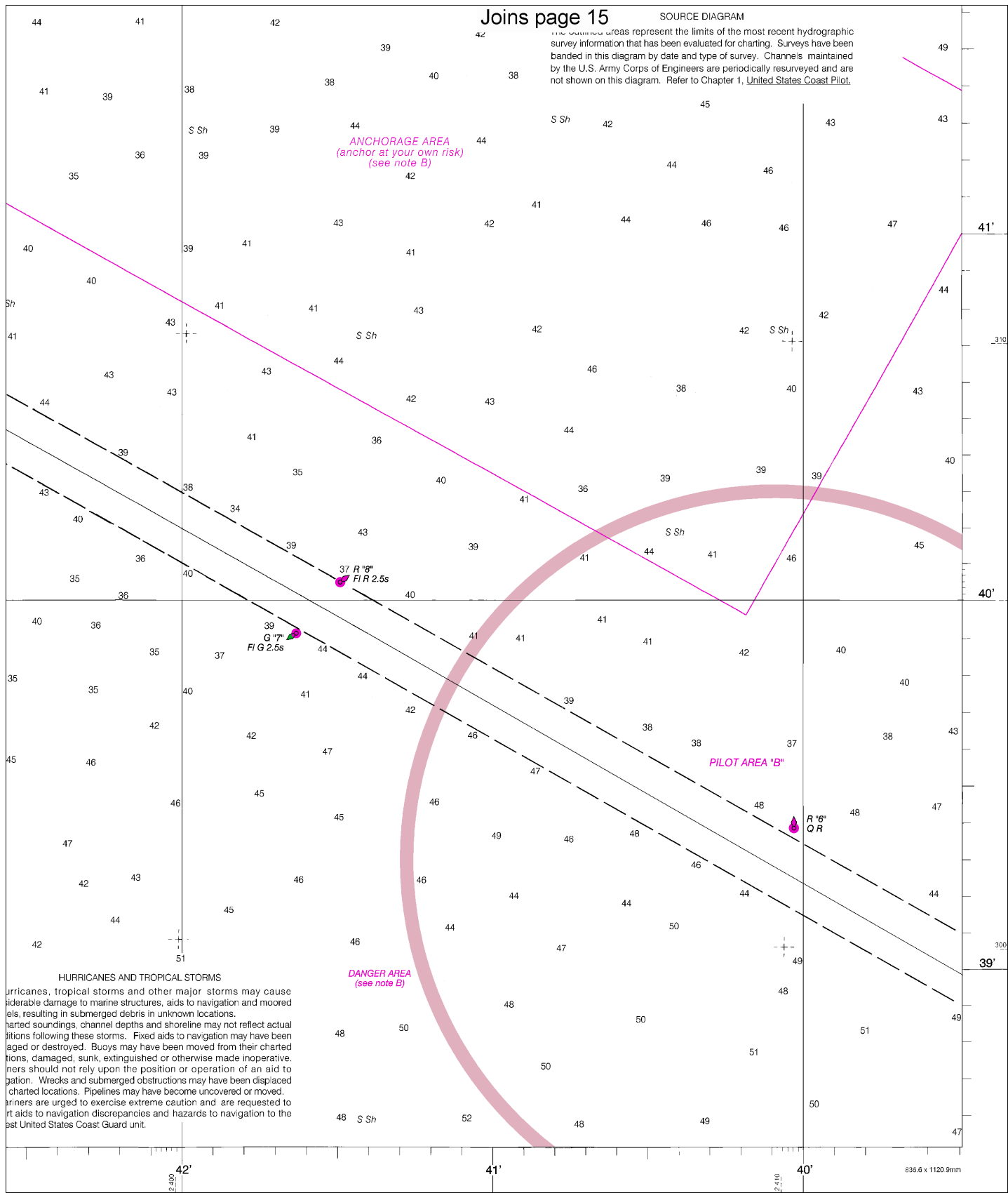
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SOUNDINGS IN





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Charleston Harbor Entrance  
SOUNDINGS IN FEET - SCALE 1:20,000

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

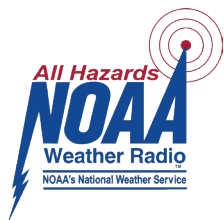
**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



**NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR)** is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

## Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

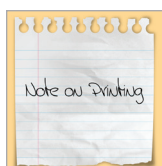
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